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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
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**RE: Big Stone South to Brookings 345 KV Transmission Line Site Application  
Our File: 6500**

Dear Patty:

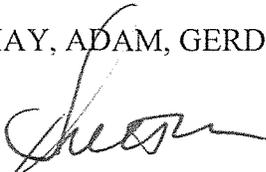
Along with this letter please find an Application for a permit pursuant to SDCL 49-41b, the South Dakota Energy Facility Permit Act. On behalf of Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company we are pleased to provide this application. I will hand carry printed copies of the Application along with a check for the initial filing fee to Commission offices shortly.

The applicants request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission make complete findings of fact and conclusions of law and render a decision to grant a permit to construct the project on such terms and conditions as the Commissioners deem appropriate.

I look forward to hearing from you as to the time and location of the initial public meeting on this matter so that I can provide notice as required by law.

Very truly yours,

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